

In the Claims:

1-85. (Cancelled)

86. (Previously presented) A cable duct coupler for coupling a first cable duct section to a second cable duct section, said cable duct coupler comprising:

a first duct-receiving portion for receiving an end of said first cable duct section;

a second duct-receiving portion for receiving an end of said second cable duct section;

a barb for securing said coupler to at least one of said first and second cable duct sections, said barb extending from a first end to a second end, at least one of said ends comprising an edge positioned to engage a portion of at least one of said first and second cable duct sections when said first and second cable duct sections are positioned in said first and second duct-receiving portions;

a cover overlying at least a portion of said barb, said cover comprising a fastener integral therewith for securing said barb to said coupler; and

a mount positioned on said coupler, said mount defining an opening for receiving said fastener.

87. (Previously presented) The cable duct coupler of claim 86, wherein said barb comprises a base portion and two arms, said arms being positioned at an angle relative to said base portion.

88. (Previously presented) The cable duct coupler of claim 86, wherein said barb comprises a plurality of barbs.

89. (Previously presented) The cable duct coupler of claim 86, wherein said fastener comprises at least one detent.

90. (Previously presented) The cable duct coupler of claim 86, wherein said

fastener is threaded.

91. (Previously presented) The cable duct coupler of claim 86, wherein said cover further comprises an aperture.

92. (Previously presented) The cable duct coupler of claim 86, wherein said first and second cable duct sections are capable of being secured to said coupler without tools.

93. (Previously presented) A cable duct coupler for coupling a first cable duct section to a second cable duct section, said cable duct coupler comprising:

a first duct-receiving portion for receiving an end of said first cable duct section;
a second duct-receiving portion for receiving an end of said second cable duct section;

a barb for securing said coupler to at least one of said first and second cable duct sections, said barb extending from a first end to a second end, at least one of said ends comprising an edge positioned to engage a portion of at least one of said first and second cable duct sections when said first and second cable duct sections are positioned in said first and second duct-receiving portions; and

a cover overlying at least a portion of said barb, said cover defining an aperture for receiving a fastener.

94. (Currently amended) The cable duct coupler of claim [[94]] 93, wherein said barb comprises a base portion and two arms, said arms being positioned at an angle relative to said base portion.

95. (Currently amended) The cable duct coupler of claim [[94]] 93, wherein said barb comprises a plurality of bars.

96. (Currently amended) The cable duct coupler of claim [[94]] 93, further comprising a fastener comprising at least one detent for securing said barb to said coupler.

97. (Currently amended) The cable duct coupler of claim [[94]] 93, further comprising a mount positioned on said coupler, said mount defining an opening for receiving said fastener.

98. (Currently amended) The cable duct coupler of claim [[94]] 93, wherein said first and second cable duct sections are capable of being secured to said coupler without tools.

99. (Previously presented) A cable duct coupler for coupling a first cable duct section to a second cable duct section, said cable duct coupler comprising:

a first duct-receiving portion for receiving an end of said first cable duct section;

a second duct-receiving portion for receiving an end of said second cable duct section;

a barb for securing said coupler to at least one of said first and second cable duct sections, said barb extending from a first end to a second end and comprising at least one arm;

a cover overlying at least a portion of said barb, said cover comprising a fastener integral therewith for securing said cover to said coupler; and

a mount positioned on said coupler, said mount defining an opening for receiving said fastener of said cover.

100. (Previously presented) The cable duct coupler of claim 99, wherein said barb comprises a base portion and two arms, said arms being positioned at an angle

relative to said base portion.

101. (Previously presented) The cable duct coupler of claim 99, wherein said barb comprises a plurality of barbs.

102. (Currently amended) The cable duct coupler of claim [[102]] 99, wherein said fastener comprises at least one detent.

103. (Currently amended) The cable duct coupler of claim [[102]] 99, wherein said fastener is threaded.

104. (Currently amended) The cable duct coupler of claim [[102]] 99, wherein said cover defines an aperture.

105. (Currently amended) The cable duct coupler of claim [[102]] 99, wherein said first and second cable duct sections are capable of being secured to said coupler without tools.

106. (Previously presented) A cable duct coupler for coupling a first cable duct section to a second cable duct section, said cable duct coupler comprising:

a first duct-receiving portion for receiving an end of said first cable duct section;
a second duct-receiving portion for receiving an end of said second cable duct section;

a barb for securing said coupler to at least one of said first and second cable duct sections, said barb extending from a first end to a second end and comprising at least one arm; and

a cover overlying at least a portion of said barb, said cover defining an aperture for receiving a fastener.

107. (Previously presented) The cable duct coupler of claim 106, wherein said

barb comprises a base portion and two arms, said arms being positioned at an angle relative to said base portion.

108. (Previously presented) The cable duct coupler of claim 106, further comprising a mount positioned on said coupler, said mount defining an opening for receiving said fastener.

109. (Previously presented) The cable duct coupler of claim 106, further comprising a fastener for securing said barb to said coupler.

110. (Previously presented) The cable duct coupler of claim 106, wherein said first and second cable duct sections are capable of being secured to said coupler without tools.